1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 AMERICAN GENERAL LIFE Case No. CV 08-06408 DDP (RZx) 11 INSURANCE COMPANY, 12 ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION Plaintiff, FOR LEAVE TO FILE A FIRST AMENDED ANSWER AND VACATED THE MOTION TO 13 CONSOLIDATE THREE RELATED CASES v. AS MOOT 14 RAZMIK KHACHATOURIANS, 15 individually and as a [Docket Nos. 127, 128] principal of LIGHTHOUSE 16 INSURANCE MARKETING, et al., 17 Defendants. 18 Presently before the court are Defendant Brian A. Manson's: 1) 19 20 Motion for Leave to File a First Amended Answer to the First 21 Amended Complaint ("Motion to Amend"); and 2) Motion to Consolidate 22 Three Related Cases ("Motion to Consolidate"). 23 Plaintiff National Financial Partners Corp. is the sole 2.4 remaining plaintiff in this action. As of the date of this Order, 25 Plaintiff has not filed an opposition to either Motion, or any 26 other filing that could be construed as a request for a 27 continuance. Further, Defendant has submitted a Declaration 28 indicating that Plaintiff informed Defendant that it would not

oppose the Motion to Amend. In Defendant's Notice of Motion to Consolidate, Defendant also states that Plaintiff had previously agreed to stipulate to consolidation.

Central District of California Local Rule 7-9 requires an opposing party to file an opposition to any motion at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date designated for hearing the motion. Additionally, Local Rule 7-12 provides that "[t]he failure to file any required document, or the failure to file it within the deadline, may be deemed consent to the granting or denial of the motion." The hearings on Defendant's Motions were set for May 21, 2012. Any opposition was therefore due by April 30, 2012.

Accordingly, pursuant to Local Rule 7-12 and in light of Defendant's representations that Plaintiff does not oppose either Motion, the court deems Plaintiff's failure to oppose as consent to granting the Motions. The court therefore GRANTS Defendant's Motion to Amend. The Court notes the three cases already have the same trial dates and vacates the Motion to Consolidate as moot.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 18, 2012

United States District Judge